

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-25 are presented in this application. Claims 1-8, 11-14, 16, 22-24 have been amended. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended in claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12. Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 16 and 24 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies for the purpose of reducing fees. Claim 2 is amended to delete an unnecessary redundancy. Claim 13 has been cancelled as drawn to subject matter falling outside the scope of 35 USC 101. Claims 22, 23, and 24 have been rewritten as method claims falling within the scope of 35 USC 101. New claim 25 reflects subject matter deleted from amended claim 24. No new matter is added hereby.

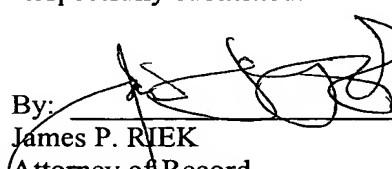
Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information. Further, appropriate headings have been inserted on accordance to 37 CFR 1.77. Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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